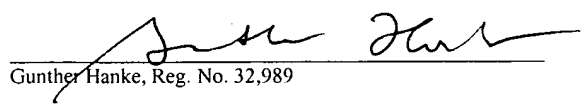


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Examiner: Baxter, Jessica R.

Group Art Unit: 3731

Client ID/Matter No. IMPEL.57972

AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of 4/1/03, please amend the above-referenced patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listings of claims which begin on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.

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1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application.

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STATUS

2. Applicant is a small entity.

EXTENSION OF TERM

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply. Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

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FEE FOR CLAIMS

4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

	(Col. 1)	(Col. 2)	(Col. 3)	SMALL ENTITY			
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TOTAL	7	— 20	= 0	x \$ 9.00	= \$ 0.00		
INDEP.	1	— 3	= 0	x \$ 42.00	= \$ 0.00		
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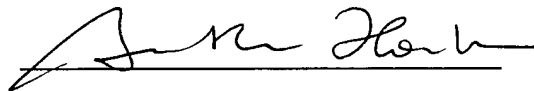
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